

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
Bureau of Career Education Programs • Office of Postsecondary Services
Community College Services Unit

Section 208 of the 2005 and 2006 Community College Appropriations Acts requires the Department of Labor & Economic Growth to work collaboratively with the community colleges to develop accelerated entrepreneurship curriculums and submit a report on the results of its work to the house and senate fiscal agencies and the state budget director.

ACCELERATED ENTREPRENEURSHIP CURRICULUM REPORT

The Community College Services Unit (CCSU) and other members of the Bureau of Career Education Programs have been working with the community colleges to promote entrepreneurship opportunities for Michigan students.

Presently, nineteen institutions, (18 community colleges and Ferris State University, acting in the capacity of a community college in its area) offer entrepreneurship programs. Of these 19 institutions, three have self-identified as offering accelerated entrepreneurship programs - Jackson Community College, Schoolcraft College, and West Shore Community College.

Over the last several years, the Bureau and Unit have made \$1.2 million dollars available for an Entrepreneurship Initiative. The focus of this initiative is to stimulate the economy and job growth through the development of entrepreneurship curricula in schools, school districts, and postsecondary entrepreneurship certificate and degree programs. A total of 146 persons attended an Entrepreneurship Conference. Subsequently, fourteen consortiums and regions throughout the state were awarded funds to pursue the entrepreneurship initiative.

The Community College Services Unit has been promoting community college best practices that support state and federal Carl D. Perkins initiatives. In 2005 and 2006, six institutions were highlighted for their exemplary support of entrepreneurship experiences and programs on their campus and in their community. The Community College Services Unit will continue to highlight the colleges' best practices in 2007 with three additional colleges who have expressed interest in having their institution recognized.